

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 709

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Raymond Bryant of
Dresden.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the accomplishments of those Tennesseans who, during their respective lifetimes, served their fellow citizens with the utmost integrity, dedication, and ability; and

WHEREAS, the late Raymond Bryant was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Charleston, Mississippi to Henry E.C. and Bula Morgan Bryant, Raymond Bryant was a longtime resident of Weakley County, and was a highly respected member of the Dresden community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant served with great bravery and ability during the Korean War in the United States Navy; his dedication and valiant service are a source of pride for his family, community, state, and all citizens of this great nation; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Raymond Bryant was retired from Bryant's Tire and Alignment in Dresden, which he had owned and operated with the greatest acumen; he had earned the respect of the community for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Bryant was a devout and valued member of the Dresden First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Bryant enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Joyce Wood Bryant, and was the proud parent of one daughter, Patricia Lynne Moon of Dresden, and two sons, Joseph Raymond Bryant of Dresden, and Randolph Lewis Bryant of Edwards Air Force Base, California; and

WHEREAS, he was the devoted grandfather of eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; he is also survived by his loving sisters, Mary Louise Campbell of Ruleville, Mississippi, Alene Winston of Bellbrook, Ohio, and Doris Bryant of Ruleville, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Bryant leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Raymond Bryant, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to his family and community, and to the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bryant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.